

## South Kingstown Monthly Meeting of Friends (Wilburite) Records

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The small size of most Wilburite meetings made survival a challenge, and by the turn of the twentieth century, many were laid down. South Kingstown absorbed members of the Wilburite Providence Monthly Meeting when it was laid down in 1881, and it was the parent of several worship groups and preparative meetings. It was one of only three Wilburite monthly meetings to survive through the unification of 1945, when it became Westerly Monthly Meeting.

### South Kingstown worship groups and preparative meetings

Block Island Worship Group (1981- )

Newport Worship Group (1883-1885)

Pawtucket Worship Group (1881-1892)

South Kingstown Worship Group (ca.1945-1948)

Westerly Worship Group (1929- )

Hopkinton Preparative Meeting (1845-1889)

South Kingstown Preparative Meeting (1845-1932: at Westerly)

Westerly Preparative Meeting (1854-1929)

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Abbie Loring in Cape Cod Quaker attire, ca.1930.

Photo by Alton H. Blackington

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South Kingstown Monthly Meeting of Friends (Wilburite): Minutes, Women (1896-1905) and Joint Sessions (1905-1922)

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